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TO SECSTATE WASHDC 7137

AMEMBASSY BERLIN

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AMEMBASSY MOSCOW

AMEMBASSY PRAGUE

AMEMBASSY SOFIA

AMEMBASSY WARSAW

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SUBJ: REQUEST FOR INFORMATION ABOUT BOYCOTTING

COUNTRIES, FOR PURPOSES OF TAX REFORM ACT
OF 1976

REF : STATE 250007

1. TO BEST OF EMBASSY'S KNOWLEDGE HUNGARY DOES NOT REQUIRE
FOREIGN BUSINESS CONCERNS TO AGREE TO REFRAIN FROM TRADING
WITH A BOYCOTTED COUNTRY (PARA 5A REFTTEL).

2. HUNGARY HAS VERY LITTLE TRADE WITH ISRAEL FOR OBVIOUS
POLITICAL REASONS AND DUE TO LACK OF NORMAL POLITICAL AND
ECONOMIC CONNECTIONS. BUT THIS IS A POLICY DECISION BY THE
GOH, AND DOES NOT APPEAR TO EMBASSY BUDAPEST TO BE A STRICT
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QTE BOYCOTT UNQTE. IN 1975 HUNGARY IMPORTED .06 RPT .06 PER

CENT OF ITS GOODS FROM ISRAEL AND .07 RPT .07 OF ITS EXPORTS
WERE DESTINED FOR ISRAEL. ALSO FOR POLITICAL REASONS HUN-
GARY DOES NOT TRADE WITH REPUBLIC OF CHINA OR SOUTH KOREA.
GIVEN THE COMPLETE ABSENCE OF TRADE WITH THESE TWO COUNTRIES
IT MIGHT BE POSSIBLE TO LABEL THIS POLICY DECISION AS A BOY-
COTT, BUT HUNGARY DOES NOT REQUIRE FIRMS WITH WHICH IT DOES
BUSINESS TO REFRAIN FROM DEALING WITH THESE TWO COUNTRIES.
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